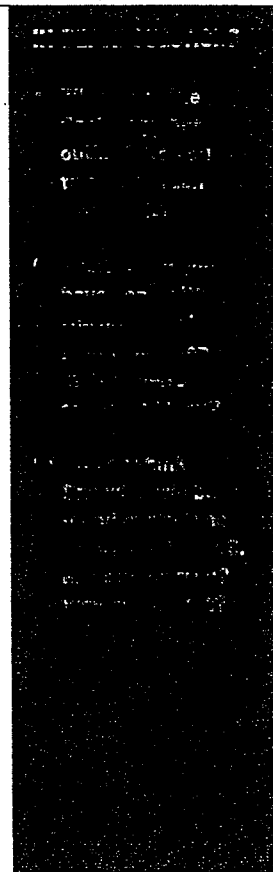


PART A

Answer these 6 m/c questions

Edward Snowden: Traitor or Hero? (p. 8)

- ❶ Edward Snowden came across top-secret documents about N.S.A. surveillance programs
 - a as a reporter for *The Washington Post*.
 - b as a computer systems contractor.
 - c as an attorney for the Government Accountability Project.
 - d as a newly hired N.S.A. agent.
- ❷ Snowden discovered that the N.S.A. had collected the "metadata" of millions of Americans' phone calls. This included
 - a transcripts of the phone conversations.
 - b audio recordings of phone conversations.
 - c records of what calls were made and when.
 - d all of the above
- ❸ Courts that have ruled on the N.S.A.'s spying programs so far have
 - a declared them illegal.
 - b declared them legal.
 - c said that they're legal as long as they don't collect information outside the U.S.
 - d been divided over their legality.
- ❹ Snowden has been charged with violating the
 - a Espionage Act.
 - b First Amendment.
 - c Sedition Act.
 - d Sherman Antitrust Law.
- ❺ Some have compared Snowden to Daniel Ellsberg. Ellsberg leaked the Pentagon Papers, which revealed secrets about
 - a the 1972 Watergate scandal.
 - b the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
 - c U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.
 - d none of the above.
- ❻ Snowden has been granted asylum until August in
 - a Germany.
 - b Brazil.
 - c China.
 - d Russia.



COVER STORY

Edward Snowden: Traitor or Hero?

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CRITICAL THINKING

Eight months ago, Edward Snowden leaked details of the National Security Agency's spying operations. Some see him as guilty of espionage; others, as a whistle-blower who exposed government overreach.

- ❶ ► What surveillance programs did Snowden leak to the press? What were the purposes of these programs? Why did they trouble Snowden?
- ❷ ► In your opinion, did Snowden's revelations help or hurt the U.S.?

- ❸ ► Should the government be able to collect Americans' phone metadata without a warrant?

WRITING PROMPT

What are potential benefits of the N.S.A.'s surveillance programs? Do these benefits outweigh any infringement on Americans' privacy rights? Use details from the text to support your claims.

DEBATE

Should the U.S. government consider

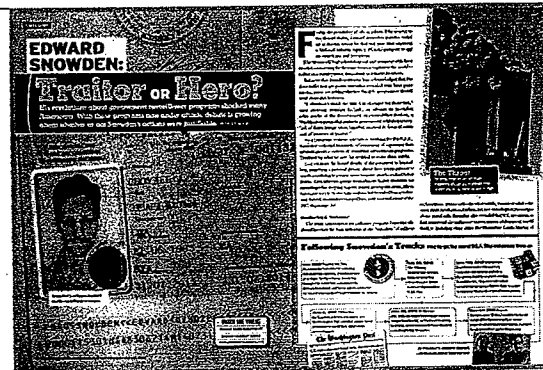
granting amnesty to Edward Snowden?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

❹ Does it surprise you that the U.S. was monitoring cellphone conversations of allies? Should this be allowed? Explain.

What changes has President Obama called for in U.S. surveillance? What effects do you think these changes will have?

❺ Why do some experts say that the legality of the N.S.A.'s programs will



need to be decided by the Supreme Court? What arguments do you think the two sides would make in such a case?

❺ Why does N.Y. Senator Charles Schumer say that Snowden should return to the U.S. to stand trial?

FAST FACT

Snowden is charged with theft of government property and espionage (unauthorized communication of defense information and communication of classified information to an unauthorized party).

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Watch the videos "Snowden Speaks to German TV" & "Leakers: Sinners or Saints?"

CURRICULUM STANDARDS*

Subject/NCSS

- U.S. HISTORY
- CURRENT EVENTS
- Individuals, Groups & Institutions
- Power, Authority & Governance

Common Core

READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10

LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10

PART B
Answer these 5 questions on the back of this paper